

STOWELL SAYS U. S. IS ON EDGE OF WAR

Professor of International Law Blames Diplomacy of Wilson Administration.

COLUMBIA MEN APPLAUD

Ellery C. Stowell, professor of international law, addressing a thousand Columbia graduates at a banquet yesterday said the United States was on the verge of war because of the unprecedented diplomacy of the Wilson Administration. From the beginning of the German submarine campaign, he said, American diplomats had muddled well settled and well recognized customs of diplomacy with the result that our statements were not understood abroad and therefore were disregarded.

Whether it would be with Germany or with one of the allied nations, Dr. Stowell said he could not foresee, but he felt that the United States might yet be in war. When he suggested that where the nation had avoided war with Germany over the Lusitania incident only to run the great danger of getting into war later without the same justification, he was greeted with applause that shook the building to its foundation.

Although the meeting of the alumni was in no sense supposed to be a military gathering it quickly took on that atmosphere as a result of Dr. Stowell's fiery address and a subsequent lecture on the manufacture of high explosives by Prof. M. C. Whitaker. A brief address by Dr. H. M. Zimm of the College of Physicians and Surgeons on his experiences in Serbia with one of the relief expeditions increased the war temper of the assembly.

"Diplomacy is the handmaiden of international law," said Prof. Stowell. "As an instance of diplomacy at its worst I wish to discuss the Lusitania incident, and as that topic is to an American audience, the steps in this incident began with Germany's declaration of a war zone where the submarine would be active. Then came our government's notes stating that Germany would be held to strict accountability for the loss of American lives due to violation of international law by such operations. The third step was the warning issued from German sources to those about to sail on British liners that they did so at their peril. The sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, and then the entering into a bitter diplomatic exchange."

"Diplomacy, like all subjects closest to the human heart, is difficult of definition. But there are certain parts which are clear and well defined. These are found in the uses of certain expressions which have always been considered as danger signals. When a note to a foreign power is written in extraordinarily polite terms it means that that government is taking care to show respect to the Lusitania sinking these polite terms of well known significance were used, and the remarks contained therein meant certain things. No government could mistake. Those statements meant that if Germany disregarded this warning it would be an act of war."

"The significance of the terms was not home out by this government's action, and the term 'strict accountability' lost the meaning it originally conveyed. The excuse was that the fourth step on the verge of war and that keeping out of war justified our disregard of the statements previously made. But if that policy is to be justified in the first place it must keep us out of war. We may be in war with Germany or with the Allies. There is doubt how the conclusion will be reached. I am sure it will have been proved to be wisdom in avoiding war when we had good grounds over the Lusitania incident, only to fall into war later without the same justification."

FUNERAL OF JOHN C. SHEEHAN.

Men Prominent in Politics at New Rochelle Services.

New Rochelle, Feb. 12.—The funeral of John C. Sheehan, former Tammany Hall leader, was held this morning in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. The burial was in the cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre. The floral tributes filled two automobiles.

The Rev. Father John McCormick of New York officiated. A large number of prominent men, including the Rev. Father C. P. Crowley, were present. The Rev. Father L. G. Doyle, subdeacon. Within the church hall, Mr. J. J. Lavelle, Mr. McNichols, the Rev. R. J. Easton, D. D., the Rev. James T. Hughes, the Rev. Francis Waters, the Rev. John T. Driscoll, L. D., the Rev. T. Burke, C. S. P., and other priests.

The honorary pallbearers were Justice Victor J. Dowling, Justice Leonard A. Gleason, Justice Joseph E. Newburger, ex-Judge John J. Brennan, ex-Judge Edward E. McCall, James J. Martin, John P. Malone of Buffalo, Edward McGuire of Buffalo, P. J. Reynolds of Buffalo, Stephen T. Bulfinch of Brooklyn, William H. Walker, Arthur D. Williams and Philip T. Donohue, the last named of whom took the place of Charles E. Murray, who is ill.

Among those in the church were ex-State Senator Jacob A. Cantor, Senator James J. Walker, Corporation Counsel Samuel F. Hendon of Buffalo, Joseph H. Mayor of Buffalo, ex-Judge George B. Ingraham, ex-Judge Edward Hatch, ex-Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, Daniel Donohue, ex-Senator L. M. Black and John Mulhall of Buffalo.

GIRL, KIDNAPPED HERE

AUG. 23, STILL MISSING

Trail of Williamsburg School

Pupil, Aged 15, Lost at

Pottstown, Pa.

The disappearance of Bron Comander, an orphan 15 years old, who lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Lena Comander of 141 Star street, Williamsburg, wasn't reported to the New York police until last night, although the girl has been missing since August 22.

On that day she was in Bushwick Park when two strangers approached her and talked with her, after which she went away with them. Eight days later her grandmother received a soiled postal card from her from Pottstown, Pa., saying that she was held in a prisoner and asking for help. Her uncle, Henry Telmar, a clothing manufacturer of Manhattan, who lives at the Williamsburg house, wrote to Pottstown, Pa., and searched for her. He had the aid of the chief of police, but found no trace of her.

Since then he has conducted the search for Miss Comander in Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington, Trenton and Baltimore, looking back from the police here news of her disappearance because he wanted no publicity. Last night Mr. Telmar gave them the first information that the girl was missing. He did it, he said, because the girl's grandmother, who is 75 years old, is now blind and deaf, and is constantly calling for her.

Miss Comander was a pupil at Public School 141, at Irving avenue and Suydam street.

WHOLE TOWN WILL GET ON THE WATER WAGON FEB. 20

Broadway Cruelly Jolted by Advance Tidings of a Croton Crusade by the Board of Health—Cafes and Clubs to Be Invaded.

WORKER IN HIDES IS

NEW ANTHRAX VICTIM

Dread Malady in Bellevue Patient Developed From Pimple on His Wrist.

Another sufferer from anthrax is undergoing treatment in Bellevue Hospital. He is Eugene Hiers, 25 years old, of 427 Second avenue, employed as an assessor of hides by J. A. Hull & Co. of 33 Gold street. It is believed that he contracted the disease from hides that came from South America.

Hiers entered the hospital at 10:45 yesterday and was examined by Dr. H. H. Henshaw, who made a diagnosis of the disease from a pimple on his wrist. It was about one-half an inch in diameter. On the following day he was taken to the De Witt Dispensary, Twenty-third street and Second avenue, for treatment and a "wet dressing" was applied to his wrist. Hiers was unable to go to work on Friday and his condition was such that he decided to go to Bellevue.

Dr. Henshaw and Hiers injected yesterday afternoon into a vein just above the infected part fifteen cubic centimeters of the Eberth serum which had been sent to Bellevue by the Department of Agriculture in Washington for use in former cases of the disease. In the former cases, however, the serum was injected into the skin.

Hiers' temperature was 103 at 3 o'clock and at 6 o'clock it had increased to 104. His condition then was considered quite serious. The doctors will give another intravenous injection of twenty cubic centimeters this morning.

Hiers was formerly a roddman and assistant engineer in the employ of the city. He held his position and went to work for the Hull firm.

George F. Stackpole, the lawyer, who died of anthrax in Bellevue Hospital on October 15 last, was treated with the Eberth serum while in the last stages of the disease. Eberth, who contracted the disease, was injected under the skin. Sophie Rosen died of the disease in Bellevue on November 17. The serum was not used in her case.

OLD CABMAN GETS BREAD.

Veteran Driver Will Have Coffee, Also, With To-day's Feast.

"Hello, Tom Merry," said the old time cabby, who is always among the first forty in the bread line, "I am glad you did not declare a holiday today."

"How is that?" asked Dick Bright, who always wants to know the reason why.

"Well, to-morrow is Sunday and I don't know how I would get along two days running without any bread. When you have nothing else to depend on you are mighty glad it is here for you every day."

"Well, Jack, if that's the case," said Tom Merry, "the two loaves to last you over Sunday."

"And buy yourself a cup of coffee too," said Dick Bright, who slipped a coin in the old man's hand with the loaves of bread.

The line was started yesterday at the request of the police thirty minutes before the scheduled hour because the crowd had blocked the sidewalk in front of 2 Prince street, where the bread depot is located. E. R. C. of Huntington, L. I., yesterday sent \$2 for the bread fund.

SEES IMITATION IN SUICIDES.

Journal of Medical Association Notes Similarity in Ideas.

The Journal of the American Medical Association in citing the instance of a girl who fell from a height of more than 200 feet and landed in a passing wagon loaded with paper boxes, remarking that she had no injuries, called attention to the fact that when a method of suicide is mentioned in the news-papers other suicides are apt to adopt the same method.

"An illustration of this fact," said the Journal, "during the next three or four days following the occurrence of the incident reported above, the news-papers announced the deaths of two other persons who also apparently attempted suicide by leaping from tall buildings. In their cases, however, fortune did not intervene."

Total Dead in Mine Disaster 25.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—The total dead in the explosion in the mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield coal and coke company at Ernest, Indiana county, has reached twenty-five. Six of the dead are Americans.

HUNT CHEF AS SOUP POISONS 150 AT FEAST

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Women Not Affected.

Further proof of an attempted whole-soup poisoning appeared when Dr. Robertson pointed out that 125 women had been served with chicken soup from the same kitchen. They had dined in another part of the hotel and about 100 effects.

The Federal Government entered the case in the afternoon when Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the Bureau of Investigation, and Martin Linn, his assistant, visited the house at 2291 Prairie avenue. Mr. Clabaugh was anxious to equip his big chemical laboratory.

When he was present Joseph Marrietta, a butcher, called and asked to see Cronos. He was permitted to go to the room and then was arrested and taken to the Cottage Grove police station, where he will be questioned.

Joseph Marrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Lingo and James Legendre, friends of Cronos were questioned during the day.

"Cronos left here in May, 1915," said Mrs. Lingo, "and he gave me the impression he was going to Cleveland. I thought highly of him. I knew him as a chemist. He was in his room nearly all of the time. He never talked much."

The search then turned to James Legendre, the chemist at the Congress Hotel. He was closely questioned and Capt. O'Brien was of the opinion his statements were somewhat disconnected.

Became an Anarchist.

"John lived at our house until about a year ago," said Legendre. "He was all right. Then he went into the subject of anarchy and Emma Goldman. My wife told me I had better get him out or we would get into some sort of trouble. He used to bring some anarchist books and try to get us to read them."

"A little later he left, saying it wasn't right for him to live in a good room when there were so many living in poor rooms. I have heard about him once in a while since then, but I have not seen him."

"When I read the story of the poisoning I thought it sounded like some of his crazy doings, although I didn't even know he was at the Congress Hotel. I am a French Canadian."

The police believe there is a discrepancy somewhere in Legendre's statement. They noted it was Legendre who said "Cronos was sick. They are wondering how he came to know of Cronos' illness when he had not seen him for a year. Archbishop Mundelein smiled at any suggestion that the poisoning of the banquet guests at the University club was the result of religious prejudice or of any widespread plot.

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HELL GATE OUTLET TO WARSHIPS URGED

Hulbert and Benson Plead for Improvements in East River.

WILSON FAVORS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An urgent plea for the immediate improvement of New York harbor was made by Representative Hulbert, member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, at the meeting today. Unusual facts were brought out by questions to other witnesses by Mr. Hulbert and interesting comments on the strategic importance of blowing a channel through Hell Gate and getting rid of Diamond Rock and Coenties Reef were made by Rear Admiral Benson, chief of operations.

Mr. Hulbert told the committee that Secretary Daniels has urged the improvement of the channel; that the proper space for maneuvering can be had just north of the Brooklyn navy yard, and the committee heard a letter from the President's secretary in which the plain request was made to report the project. The Tammany letter reads:

The President desires me to say that he is strongly of the opinion that the pending river and harbor bill should carry an appropriation for the immediate improvement of the East River adjacent to the Brooklyn navy yard. He fully appreciates that this appropriation is contrary to the rule of the committee not to recommend appropriations for new projects at this time, but he feels that the importance of the matter in its relation to the question of national preparedness fully justifies an exception to this rule."

Would Bottle Up Ships.

Admiral Benson pointed out that in war time, if an enemy blew up Brooklyn Bridge, battleships that might be anchored at the Brooklyn navy yard would then be bottled up because there is no means of getting deep draught ships into Long Island Sound through Hell Gate. With the bridge blocking the way or any other obstruction making the present sailing route impracticable there would be no way of getting ships out of the yard.

In addition to the strategic importance of the proposed thirty-five foot channel, a thousand feet wide, Col. William M. Black, the United States army engineer officer in charge of the work at the New York district, told the committee that the commercial advantages are just as important as improving the river for military reasons. He pointed out that much of the valuable docking space is now valueless for deep draught ships.

It is estimated the improvement of the Hell Gate channel would require an initial outlay of \$2,500,000 and that it would require \$750,000 to remove Coenties Reef and Diamond Rock. The latter improvements would smooth out navigation, difficult off the coast, and allow six or eight deep draught ships to lay up at Piers 1, 6, 8 and 10.

Smith Urges East River Project.

Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith telegraphed the committee as follows: "Aside from the questions of national defense which so strongly demand the provision of an East River channel for the westward flow of traffic through Long Island Sound, the commercial aspects are extremely important."

"On the East River front from Williamsburg Bridge to Fort Greene street, there is a stretch which is nearly two miles long and capable of immediate development for the accommodation of ocean-going vessels as soon as the Government removes from the navigable waters the dangerous reefs and rock shoals in that neighborhood. On this stretch alone eighty-two steam vessels could be accommodated."

"This is only one of the sections which is of potential value to foreign commerce and is now paralyzed because of impossibility of access. The East River channel cost the Government approximately \$2,500,000. The total cost of the improvements at that point, by the State of New York, the municipalities and by privately owned properties, amounts to more than \$3,000,000."

BENEFIT MATINEE WEDNESDAY.

Will Aid Girls Suffering From Incipient Tuberculosis.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Boulton of the Theatre Francaise, there will be a benefit matinee at the theatre, 19 West Forty-fourth street, of "Son Homme," with Bessie Barriscale and Blanchette, next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The proceeds will be given to Up-lands, a cottage maintained by the Santa Clara County of the Working Girls' Vacation Society at Santa Clara, N. Y., for girls with incipient tuberculosis.

ART SALES AND EXHIBITIONS.

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